



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APH 103: INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

DATE: 26/7/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION I

- a) Define the following concepts, giving an appropriate example for each concept:
- (i) Axioms (2 Marks)
 - (ii) Applied ethics (2 Marks)
 - (iii) Social contract (2 Marks)
 - (iv) Human dignity (2 Marks)
 - (v) Moral egoism (2 Marks)
- b) Explain the main levels of ethics (10 marks)
- c) Discuss why moral life is worth reflecting on (10 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) The Bill of Rights in the Kenyan constitution is a normative ethical discourse. Justify. (11 Marks)
- (b) Elaborate three distinctions that exist between individualistic moral thought and communal moral thought (9 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Explain two contested ethical issues surrounding the debate on abortion (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss how a utilitarian will approach the abortion debate (10 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Explain three moral considerations before advertising a product (9 Marks)
- (b) Discuss three virtues of an ethical advertiser according to according Thomas Aquinas (11 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Demonstrate the moral position of a deontologist in respect to death penalty. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain the deontological ethical principle formulated by Immanuel Kant (10 Marks)